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1. A camp and exercise area is 3 km west of Sobeslav. The camp is 700 by 950 m, surrounded by barbed wire, placed north of the Sobeslav Nedvaditz road. It consists of two staff barracks, a hospital, an office building, 12 quarters buildings, a kitchen and a magazine. In addition tents are erected as needed. The barracks were built during the German occupation, and can take 700 men. More barracks are being built, with a view to doubling the capacity of the installation.
2. During the summer of 1953 units were brought to the camp from Budějovice and its neighborhood. A rifle battalion of the Budějovice infantry regiment was present. It consisted of the battalion staff, 65 men; three rifle companies, each of 90 or 95 men, each with 1 Soviet light machine guns, one Maxim heavy machine gun and two bazookas; and one training company for reservists of the class of 1925, of 145 to 160 men. Commander of this company was 1st Lt. Kollar; training officer, Lt. Jedlicek.
3. The battalion was inspected by the regimental commander once every two months. It is not motorized, except for four trucks belonging to the quartermaster section.
4. Target practice was held very seldom and there were few alarm exercises.
5. Morale is generally poor and political training makes little impression. The reservists were called up in Mar 1953 to learn to handle the new Soviet weapons and to be instructed according to Soviet methods. All the training is practical, no time being given to theory.

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